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SETTING UP OF AGRI CLINICS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Agri Clinics have been set up in Karnataka to provide adequate and timely support of quality inputs and to strengthen extension services to farmers;

(b) if so, the number of Agri Clinics set up in Karnataka so far, location-wise; and

(c) the amount released by the Union Government so far for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a)&(b): The Government proposes to take up a scheme for supporting the establishment of a network of Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business centres by Agriculture Graduates. The scheme proposes to extend self-employment opportunities to eligible Agriculture Graduates to support agricultural development through establishment of economically viable Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business centres of which the selected Graduates would be the owners. To begin with, the scheme aims at supporting the establishment of 5000 such clinics/centres per annum at an average cost of Rs.5 lakhs per venture with an outer ceiling of Rs.10 lakhs per individual venture. The possible locations of the Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business centres would be primarily decided by the Agriculture Graduate entrepreneurs themselves, and, therefore, Government do not intend to prepare the State-wise distribution of these ventures. Action has already been initiated for obtaining necessary approval of the Government for taking up the scheme for implementation from the next financial year.

(c): Does not arise.